

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/8/22

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use**
2 **American oil and gas resources to replace oil imported from the Russian Federation and**
3 **to increase oil and gas production in the State of Alaska and other energy-producing**
4 **states to fortify the economy and security of the nation.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, after amassing over 175,000 troops on Ukraine's
7 border, the Russian Federation, under the direction of President Vladimir Putin, launched an
8 unprovoked, unjust, large-scale invasion of Ukraine; and

9 **WHEREAS** this invasion is a deliberate and calculated effort to undermine the
10 democratic sovereignty of Ukraine, block the free will of the Ukrainian people in the people's
11 pursuit of security, peace, and prosperity, and threaten the security of bordering allies under
12 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the lives of millions of innocent people; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in an affront to both international law and common decency, Russian
14 Federation soldiers are currently sweeping through Ukraine, inflicting violence and terror on
15 millions of civilians and destroying homes, businesses, and economic infrastructure; and

1 **WHEREAS**, at the end of 2021, the United States of America was importing over
2 8,000,000 barrels of crude oil from foreign countries a day; and

3 **WHEREAS** 595,000 of those barrels were imported from the Russian Federation each
4 day; and

5 **WHEREAS** the United States imports more than 219,000,000 barrels of oil from the
6 Russian Federation annually, thereby directly contributing up to \$20,300,000,000 a year to
7 President Vladimir Putin's regime; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in comparison, this state produces only 448,000 barrels of oil a day; and

9 **WHEREAS** the United States has additional opportunities for production in Alaska,
10 including projects in Pikka, Alaska; Willow, Alaska; the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and
11 the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States has the ability to utilize new energy transportation
13 infrastructure projects, including pipelines; and

14 **WHEREAS**, similarly, Alaska and the United States are actively exploring and
15 developing renewable sources of energy from wind, fish-safe hydroelectric projects, solar,
16 biomass, geothermal resources, and other sources; and

17 **WHEREAS** reliance on oil from foreign adversaries like the Russian Federation
18 leaves the United States and its allies strategically vulnerable; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in the face of the Russian Federation's unprovoked aggression, now is
20 the time to end the nation's reliance on Russian Federation fossil fuels; and

21 **WHEREAS**, because development sites around Alaska hold the potential of billions
22 of barrels of oil, oil and gas produced in a state that is recognized as a global leader and best
23 in class in environmental, social, and governance performance can fill the void left from
24 stopping Russian Federation imports, thereby eliminating national dependence on
25 authoritarian energy producers abroad;

26 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Biden's
27 Administration and the United States Congress to allow the nation to use the oil and gas
28 resources currently available in the State of Alaska to replace oil imported from the Russian
29 Federation; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Biden's
31 Administration and the United States Congress to unleash national production in this state and

1 other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation.

2 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President
3 of the United States; the Honorable Volodymyr Oleksandrovyh Zelenskyy, President of
4 Ukraine; the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States and President
5 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of
6 Representatives; the Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of
7 Representatives; the Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of
8 Representatives; the Honorable Charles Schumer, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
9 Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Antony
10 Blinken, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Oksana Markarova, Ambassador
11 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States; the Honorable Lisa
12 Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
13 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of
14 the 117th United States Congress.